

HOUSE BILL 2781

By Hill

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to domestic assault.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(d) A person convicted of domestic assault shall be required to attend counseling with a court-appointed counselor for the duration of the sentence for such offense, including the time such person is placed on probation. A person convicted of domestic assault shall be required to attend a batterers' intervention program for perpetrators of domestic abuse and shall be responsible for payment of all expenses for counseling. If the court determines that the person is indigent, as defined in § 8-14-201, counseling expenses shall be waived.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111(c), is amended in the third sentence of subdivision (2) by deleting the language "and shelter services" and by substituting instead the language ", shelter services and counseling for indigents as provided in subsection (d)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111(c)(2), is amended by deleting the language "two hundred dollars (\$200)" and by substituting instead the language "two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225)".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.